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Engineering young minds

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Kerry Brennan, from Sunnybrae Public School in Stroud, cranks on the 'Bridge-Breaking Machine' and ramps up the pressure on her 'Team Kerry' popsicle stick bridge during the National Engineering Month competition at Nantyr Shores Secondary School on Saturday, March 29.

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

March is National Engineering Month: promoting the importance of engineering in every aspect of modern life, from roads to high rises to the development of alternative energy sources.

But engineering month is also designed to encourage kids to realize that science can be fun.

As part of National Engineering Monthh, the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) and the Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) host competitions for school-aged kids, challenging them to build popsicle stick bridges, popsicle stick catapults and mini-wind turbines.

The Simcoe-Muskoka competitions were held at Nantyr Shores Secondary School in Alcona on March 29.

Nearly 20 entries in the three categories, although most of the teams participated in the popsicle stick bridge contest.

Bridges were judged on design and strength.

Each had to meet certain specifications before being subjected to pressure on the official 'Bridge-Breaking Machine', operated by the students themselves.

The winners were the 'Breakin' Builder' team from Forest Hill Public School in Midhurst. The bridge withstood an astonishing 700 newtons of force: equal to 156 pounds.

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New school in the works

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Innisfil Examiner

A new elementary school in south Alcona will be busy the day the doors open.

Land for the new school was set aside after the Simcoe County District School Board asked the Ontario Ministry of Education for funding last fall.

The ministry's announcement Tuesday approving not only the new Alcona school south of the 7th Line off Webster Boulevard, but also an addition to Victoria Harbour Elementary School, came as good news to Steve Parker, the board's manager of design and construction.

"It's about the whole south end of the county. We're having a hard time keeping up with the growth. So yes, it's a good day," Parker said.

Standing beside the still mostly snow-covered approximately 7.8 acres of land, new houses springing up in Alcona surround the site for the new school.

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Alcona school construction could begin in 2015

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Steve Parker, manager of design and construction at the Simcoe County District School Board, hopes to see a new elementary school open in south Alcona in the fall 2016.

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Board spokeswoman Alison LaMantia said Goodfellow Public School and Alcona Glen Elementary are at capacity, and are currently using portables for the extra students.

"Goodfellow has 150 over capacity now," LaMantia said.

There are six portables at Alcona Glen and another four at Goodfellow. Alcona Glen has a capacity for 621 but has 817 students, while Goodfellow has 656 students with a capacity of 509. Parker said the ministry will advise the board of their capacity allotments, and then they'll begin the design stage and obtaining permits from the Town of Innisfil.

Although there are no firm opening dates, he hopes to begin building next spring and open for fall 2016.

The Victoria Harbour school's expansion will include classrooms, but LaMantia said they also hope there's funding for a gymnasium and a library.

The new Alliston Union school will be built along the same time frames, Parker said, and added construction of the new Chris Hadfield school will begin in Bradford next week.

As Innisfil mom Kory Bell packed her two small children – as well as a neighbour's child – into her minivan in Alcona, she said she was thrilled to hear of a new school for the small village that's tripled in size during the last two decades.

"They'd be in a portable next year in Grade 3," she said, pointing to the two boys in the back seat. "I don't like portables. It's inconvenient for them to use the washroom, and they feel like they're outside the school community in a portable. This will be good for them."

Entries must survive the 'Bridge-Breaking Machine'

FROM PAGE 1

In second place were 'The Epic Guys' team, whose bridge stood up to 251 newtons, or 56 pounds before it snapped.

Wind turbines were judged on their energy production and catapults,on their accuracy and distance.

This year's competition featured an overhead camera so the audience could see their catapult team hit the target, at a safe distance, explained Ted Ratajczak, chair of the Simcoe-Muskoka chapter of PEO.

Asked how much damage a catapult projectile made of plasticine and weighing only one to four grams could do, Ratajczak said with a wink, "You never know!"

There were demonstrations of a 3-D printer, plenty of prizes — including a Raspberry Pi minicomputer for the winner of a quiz — and free National Engineering Month T-shirts and Rubik's Cubes for all.

And there was the hope that next year, even more kids will discover the fun of engineering.

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Danielle, left, and Natasha were part of the 'Clockwork Team' from Algonquin Ridge Elementary School in Barrie, who designed a unique popsicle stick bridge based in part on a painting called The Japanese Bridge, by Claude Monet. The bridge required a special extension to fit on the 'Bridge-Breaking Machine',

Future residents flock to new subdivision

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Planning: working with architects and Town of Innisfil staff to come up with new models that express the local lifestyle, and developing a new marketing campaign that would focus on the release of 50 new single family lots on Saturday, March 29.

"There has been a lot of anticipation," said the 34-year-old Pratt, but even he was surprised at the enthusiastic response.

The first couple arrived nearly 48 hours before the official opening of the lot release and camped out at the model home to ensure they would get the lot they wanted.

Ashley Chancey, of Richmond Hill and Carmine Iuliano of King City, arrived on Thursday. Staff were surprised to find them still there at 7 p.m. Thursday night and when they realized that the couple intended to camp out — swathed in blankets — responded by setting up a tent with a heater, and having someone on hand at all times to keep the model home open for bathroom breaks.

Iuliano and Chancey first heard about the subdivision through word-of-mouth. One of Carmine's co-workers bought a Pratt home two years ago, and had been raving about the quality, the service and the community.

"We came here and fell in love with this model home. We couldn't believe the loft upstairs," Iuliano said.

They also fell in love with the lake, and the friendly small-town atmosphere of the community. The couple has been "waiting patiently" since August, for a new release of lots and when they learned of the Saturday opening, decided to ensure they would be first in line to get the lot they wanted.

They did.

"We're exhausted, but happy," said Iuliano, after signing all the documents and confirming a September 2015 closing for what Chancey called "our first and last home." The couple planned to celebrate with dinner and champagne but not before catching up on their sleep.

After the first 11 hours, they weren't alone in their vigil. Jackie and Jeff Jones of Etobicoke arrived at around 1 a.m. on Friday morning and were disappointed not to be first, but happy to get their second choice.

And by 7 a.m. on Saturday — when the model home officially opened its doors and the sale began — there was a long line-up of potential buyers, and potential neighbours.

"For a small community like Innisfil, it's awesome," said Pratt.

He said that many of those who lined up and came through the doors had been referred by friends, attracted by reports of the company's focus on customer service, open floor plans, use of natural finishes, and the choice of detached, semi-detached and townhome options.

By 4:26 p.m. on Saturday, only two townhouses and one semi were still unsold "and we have had an absolute crowd of people leave without buying" but asking to be put on a waiting list for the next release, Pratt said. "It was an absolute success: incredible!"

Bradley Homes, 2144 Taggart Court in Innisfil, can be reached at 1-866-404-6142 or visit www.bradleyhomes.ca.

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President of Bradley Homes, Bradley Pratt, left, celebrates with the first couple — Ashley Chancey and Carmine Iuliano — to purchase a home in the new Bradley Homes subdivision in Innisfil on Friday, March 28 along with sales and marketing manager. Doug Trumble.

Season's race dates announced for Georgian Downs

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The Ontario government has pledged another $100 million to help save Ontario's horse-racing industry, up from the $400 million it committed to in October.

The province's enhanced five-year plan will now provide up to $500 million to support the horse-racing industry.

It includes increasing purses and race dates across the province, enhancing support for the province's racehorse breeders and integrating horse racing into the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's (OLG) modernization plan.

It's intended to encourage the creation of an alliance of innovative, leading standardbred tracks as well as increase operational support for regional tracks.

Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA) president Sue Leslie is hopeful the funding will have a positive effect on the industry.

"OHRIA is relieved that funding is in place to begin stabilizing the industry. I'd like to thank Premier (Kathleen) Wynne for her direct involvement in making this happen," Leslie said. "The thousands of jobs associated with the horse-racing industry continue to be an important part of the social fabric of Ontario."

The Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) announced its decision on Tuesday in regard to the race-date applications for nine standardbred racetracks.

The ORC has announced the approved race dates for Georgian Downs along with Woodbine Racetrack, Mohawk Racetrack, The Raceway at Western Fair District, Flamboro Downs, Grand River Raceway, Rideau Carleton Raceway, Clinton Raceway and Hanover Raceway. Georgian Downs will have 40 dates — on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays — beginning Sunday, June 1 and ending Sunday, Aug. 31.

That's a far cry from 130 race dates per season (at one point) to 96 in 2012, according to Barrie MPP Rod Jackson.

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MARK WANZEL File Photo

The Liberal provincial government announced an additional $100 million towards the horse industry this week.

opinion

Difficult to reduce this debt

Much has been made of the Fraser Institute's report on government debt, and especially its comparison between Ontario and California.

California has been the poster boy for government debt since the 2008 financial meltdown, but America's most populous state looks rather good when compared to the likes of Ontario.

According to the Fraser Institute, California's debt is only 7.6% when compared to its GDP, while Ontario's is 41%.

Moreover, California's gross per capita debt is worth $3,844, but Ontario's is five times that.

One can accuse the conservative Fraser Institute of playing politics in its report, but facts are facts and debt is debt. California does have an enormous debt ($144.8 billion), but it's much smaller than Ontario's ($267.5 billion).

But the litmus test appears to be the debt-to-GDP ratio. Most international economists agree that government debt should be no more than 25% of GDP.

Our national debt is much higher – at 33% – and the federal government apparently has the goal of reducing that ratio to 30% by 2015. Still not great, but a bit better.

But Ontario's debt-to-GDP ratio stands at a dangerous 41%. And it's doesn't appear that it will be improving. Last year Queen's Park spent $10.3 billion just to service the provincial debt – or 8.4% of the entire budget.

Given Ontario's debt history, it's not likely that Premier Kathleen Wynne's government will be reducing this monster anytime soon.

Over the past 30 years, every government has contributed to this growing pile.

When Premier William Davis left office in 1985, his Progressive Conservatives left behind a $31.5-billion debt. By the time Premier David Peterson left office in 1990, the debt was $38.4 billion.

There was an almost three-fold expansion of debt under the leadership of Premier Bob Rae. When he and his NDP left in 1995, the debt was $101.9 billion.

By the time premiers Mike Harris and Ernie Eves and their Progressive Conservatives had vacated the government in 2003, our provincial debt had climbed to $138.8 billion.

It's more than doubled since then under McGuinty and Wynne – but they had help.

It's easy to build debt. It's extraordinarily difficult to reduce it.

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Letters

Expanding booze won't work

I am writing today to address the recent push by Ontario's convenience stores to have current Ontario alcohol laws changed to allow beer and wine to be sold in convenience stores.

Both The Beer Store and the LCBO have spent years establishing a high level of social responsibility. This is not some fancy word to accomplish stats, but rather a core value of our company to help eliminate risk of underage drinking and driving while impaired.

We work together in unison to keep underage kids from getting alcohol.

The Beer Store has spent over 87 years working with a mandate of responsible sale of beer , requesting over three million IDs (in 2013 alone) and helping to achieve Canada's lowest drinking and driving stats.

Its 7,500-plus employees work as a team to give you our best daily. Nothing is ever perfect and I understand that, but our sole responsibility is beer. We don't sell lottery tickets, energy drinks or tobacco. Our only job via retail is selling beer and recycling.

The Ontario deposit return program ODRP program which was introduced a few years in conjunction with our empty return program has deferred billions of bottles from landfills.

We have created a program that in turn will make our tomorrow better and reduce our collective carbon footprint. Let us also be mindful that this return program takes a massive burden off of the Ontario Blue box program and saves Ontarians tens of millions of dollars!

From a business point of view, the recent comments of Ontario's convenience stores like to call The Beer Store an unfair monopoly that excludes local, small or craft brewers from selling their products.

The Beer Store in Ontario currently carries 427 brands from more than 100 different brewers, including many craft brewers. Our stores are open to any and all brewers from all over the world.

With a strict brewer neutrality policy the playing field is equal.

Once beer hits our stores we sell it, take back empties and deliver to over 15,000 licensed establishments in our province. Our retail and logistics department take a backseat to no one.

When I go to work in the morning I proudly wear The Beer Store uniform and in doing so I am mindful of our brewer neutrality policies. I work for 100-plus brewers and not three.

The availability of beer and wine in convenience stores where it will not be as closely monitored or as responsibly dealt with is not something that I want my children or anyone's children exposed to. These stores already put cigarettes and energy drinks in far too many underage hands. I, for one do not want to see alcohol added to this current situation.

As I stated earlier social responsibility doesn't have a price tag. No monetary value can be put on the safety of our drivers on the road. We have the lowest drinking and driving statistics in our country and those numbers don't happen because of any sort of magic.

I don't know why we destroy a system that is established for a new one with far too many negative consequences.

Lastly and most importantly I am a father and a concerned one at that. My place of employment not withstanding this issue is close to my heart. I have a 14-year-old daughter and two step-children who I adore.

Will they drink alcohol in high school?

Yes! I am not foolish, as we all did at one point or another. We all had that friend who was a bit older that was willing to buy beer for minors. Having said all of that, do I want to make it easier for them to attain? As a father I definitely do not. This is a very serious issue that cannot be undone if it is started.

Ontario, please govern yourself accordingly.

Derek Favretto
The Beer Store
Barrie

Wynne sends Hudak a message

An open letter to Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak

During your press conference on March 27, you made several false, misleading and defamatory allegations about me.

You alleged that I personally "oversaw and possibly ordered the criminal destruction of documents" and that criminal conduct took place in my office.

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Party repeated these false allegations on its website and in a public mailing.

These allegations and accusations are false and utterly unsupported, and you ought to know it.

As political leaders it is our role and public duty to engage in spirited political debate on issues.

The decision to relocate the gas plants and the facts related to the ongoing police investigation are legitimate subjects for this political debate. False, misleading and defamatory statements are not, and they represent the worst kind of politics.

That is why I am writing this letter to you.

There should be no tolerance for false and defamatory accusations as a means to gain political power.

I am asking you and your caucus to immediately stop repeating these untrue statements and to immediately remove them from the PC party website and all other communications.

I have sought and obtained legal advice regarding your comments, and if steps are not taken immediately, I will have no choice but to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure your false statements are corrected.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario

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County's scientific minds shine

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Students from across the region showed off their scientific skills last weekend at the annual Simcoe County Regional Science and Technology Fair. More than 200 exhibitors representing students from grades 4 to 12 took part in the event at Bear Creek Secondary in Barrie. The fair was an exhibition of students' innovations, experiments and studies. Submitted projects will show original research or be a demonstration of a biological, chemical, physical, mathematical, or technical principle, a laboratory or other procedure, an industrial development or an orderly collection of anything in the broad concept of pure or applied science

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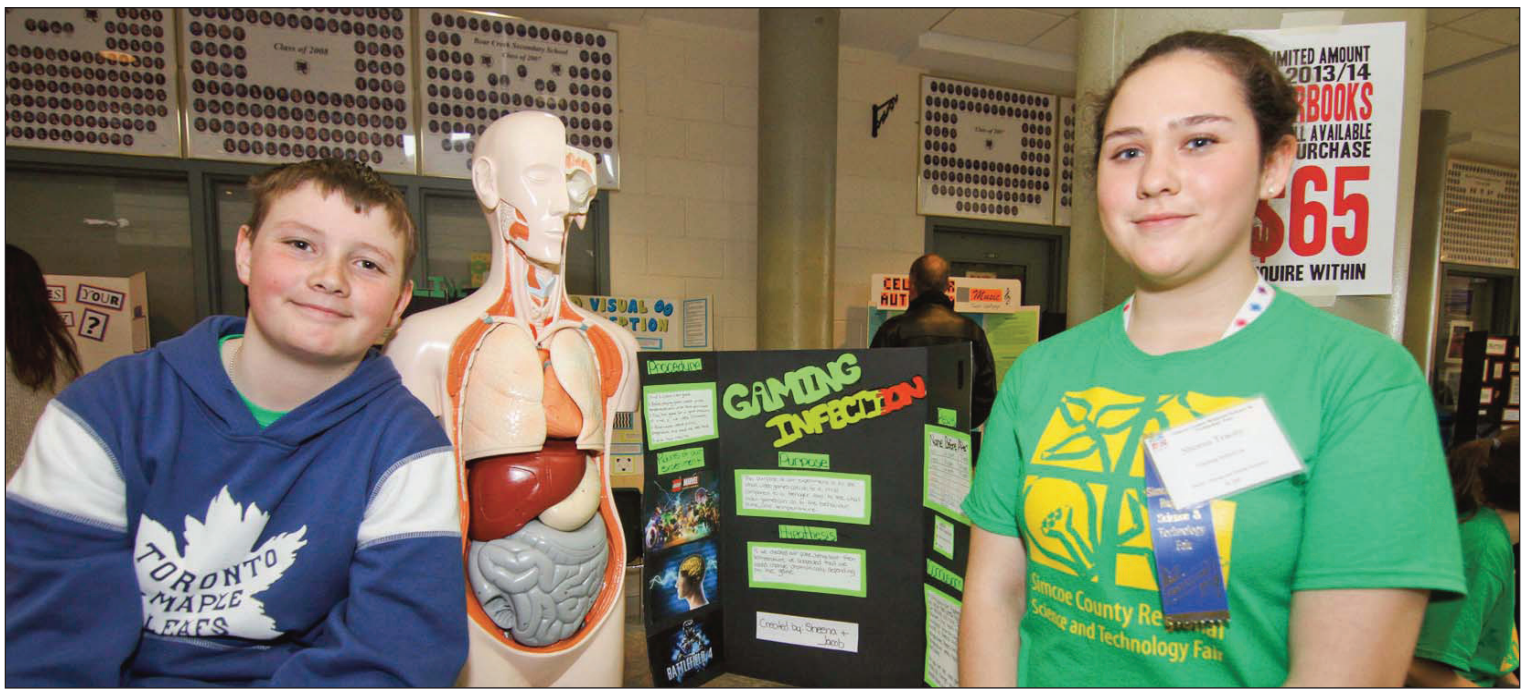
RIGHT: Edward Stuart talks with Simcoe County District School Board chairman Peter Beacock. BELOW: Jacob Daly and Sheena Tracey show of their project. BOTTOM: Jake Markham, Julius Herb, Alex Pablum, Robbie Raikou, Tristan Irwin and Ian Crane, students from Barrie's Oakley Park Public School, take a break in fron of their project.



Legal Matters

by Keisha-Ann Shaw Hill

Types of common commercial transactions:

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- Purchase of furniture / appliances

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1. Understand in your own mind what it is that you are expecting to get from the transaction.
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3. Ask questions about the various provisions as often as necessary in order to satisfy yourself that you fully understand.
4. Depending on the transaction, consult your lawyer before signing.
5. Note in writing any objections that you may have to a particular provision in the agreement.
6. As for amendments to the agreement, if you desire changes. Get them in writing.
7. Obtain and keep in a safe place, a copy of any agreement you have signed.
8. Do your research – compare prices, see what others in the market are offering before you make a decision. Make only an informed decision.
9. Walk away if you are not fully satisfied or comfortable.
10. Always ask about, clarify and get in writing any warranties that are applicable to the product being purchased.

"No Interest until …"

Many companies, especially in the furniture and appliance industry, advertise "no interest until…" What does this mean? Most people believe it means that interest will not start to accrue until the advertised date. However, what it really means is that you will not **pay** interest until the advertised date. Therefore, if you do not pay for the items until after the date advertised (or if you have an outstanding balance) then all the interest, calculated from the date of purchase, will become payable.

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Feral cat colonies targeted in Innisfil

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Now that the Town of Innisfil has given the green light to the proposed 'Trap, Spay/Neuter and Release" program to deal with four of the municipality's feral cat colonies, it's largely a matter of logistics.

Working together are Innisfil's animal control officer Sherri Hall, who has volunteered her time and expertise, local veterinarians who have agreed to inoculate and spay or neuter the trapped cats and the volunteer organization, Feline Fix Feral Cat Program, which will be providing the boots on the ground. The town has committed $15,000 to the program.

Feline Fix operates out of Barrie, where it has been voluntarily capturing feral — untamed, unsocialized, unwanted — cats and kittens, and paying for neutering and spaying out of donated funds.

"We're trying to eliminate the reproduction, reduce the number of cats in each colony," explained Janet Kemp, of Feline Fix, noting that without controls, "the average cat can birth 18 kittens in a year," although the average survival rate is only three out of 18.

That still can mean an exponential growth in the number of cats living and breeding in the wild, but, Kemp said, "As quickly as it gets out of hand, it can get in hand."

The plan is to live-trap the cats at colonies in Bell-Ewart, Alcona, Sandycove and Cookstown, and have them examined by a vet. Those that are healthy enough will be spayed or neutered. Those that are friendly will either be adopted out or found a new home through the 'Barn Buddies' program that pairs cats with farmers, businesses or industries looking for a barn cat.

The remainder — healthy, but too wild — will be returned to their colony.

It's a process that, through attrition, will gradually reduce the number of wild cats while ensuring the population remains healthy.

NEAL CARR/FELINE FIX PHOTO

These kittens were born by Caesarean section after their mother, a feral cat from Belle Ewart in Innisfil, was rescued by Feline Fix in Barrie.

To carry out its role on the larger scale — the Belle Ewart cat colony alone is estimated to have 50 cats and kittens living in the wild — Feline Fix wants to establish an Innisfil chapter and needs committed volunteers.

Kemp is looking for people who can take on a variety of roles.

- Feeders: to not only ensure that the cat colonies receive adequate nutrition but that any un-eaten food is removed and not left to attract vermin.

- Feral colony keepers or caretakers: will monitor the colonies, watching for problems or new arrivals.

- Volunteers to assist with trapping of feral cats and to help transport cats to and from the vet. Training will be offered to those who volunteer.

In fact, PetSmart is hosting a 'Webinar on Trapping Feral Cats' on Wednesday, April 12 from noon to 1 p.m. Would-be volunteers are asked to contact PetSmart to get the code to watch the webinar. Hands-on training will also be provided at a later date.

Hall is providing traps and advice to ensure that the trap/neuter/release proceeds without problems, and within the parameters of the law.

"We have cat lovers, and we have the by-law. It's very unfair for non-cat lovers to have to deal with the consequences" of anyone encouraging feral cats, she said.

Hall and Kemp were asked what would happen to cats deemed by a veterinarian to be too ill to be spayed or neutered.

"It's what's best for the cat," Kemp said. If there is hope of recovery, volunteers will foster or nurse the animal back to health. If the animal is suffering, it will be left to the vet to make the determination.

The town's funding will not be used to spay/neuter or treat seriously ill cats, Hall said. Medical treatment above and beyond the program will be a matter for fundraising.

Feline Fix is already fundraising for several Innisfil cats rescued from the feral colony in Belle Ewart.

The group removed five, nine-week old kittens and five pregnant cats. One of the rescues, Spooner', had to be treated for an infected bite to his leg;. The bill came to approximately $400. And Jinx, one of the pregnant females, required a C-section to deliver her kittens, resulting in another big bill. Feline Fix is working with King Street Animal Hospital in Barrie, and encourages donations to be sent to Dr. T.J. Kaloti.

But once the Innisfil Trap/Neuter/Release program is underway, there will be a separate account in Innisfil.

There are other 'asks' beyond volunteers, sponsors and funding.

Feline Fix is looking for donations of both kitten food, and soft food, but the really big 'ask' is a free, heated space that can serve as a recovery centre for trapped cats and kittens such as a warehouse, or heated garage that the group could use during the project at no cost.

"If we had a bigger spot, we could do more," Kemp said. "If we could ask for the moon, that would be the moon."

Hall compared the feral cat colonies to the illegal dumping of garbage.

"It's no-one person's problem. It's a community problem," she said, adding she has a warning for those who feed stray cats and kittens: "In the eyes of the law, if you feed it, it's yours."

For more information or to volunteer, email contact felinefix@hotmail.com.

Concerns raised with Sandy Trail Maple Lane subdivision maximum lot coverage

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Sandy Trail Maple Lane subdivision was back before council on Wednesday night for a planning meeting to hear a zoning by-law amendment application.

The current zoning for the 33-lot subdivision in Alcona allows for a maximum lot coverage of 35%. The amendment would allow increased lot coverage for nine of the 33 new homes, ranging from 36% to 42%.

Several neighbours opposed the increase, noting that more coverage could mean more flooding in an area already prone to problems.

The comments were echoed by Coun. Rod Boynton, who also worried about the preservation of the five-metre treed buffer required along the south border of the subdivision.

"These houses are already going to have almost no backyard," he said, warning that new owners might be tempted to cut the trees to enlarge their backyard, even though tree preservation is registered on title.

Boynton also took exception to the fact that Maple Lane was asking for the amendment after selling models that exceed the allowable coverage. "I'm having trouble with the fact that it was sold before. I just don't know why we're selling houses that aren't zoned properly," he said.

Planning staff noted that the town has approved coverage of up to 45% in other areas for bungalows. Setbacks and height provisions would not be impacted by the amendment.

Senior planner Steve Montgomery also noted that the developer has an engineer's letter, advising that there is sufficient storm water management capacity to prevent the "insignificant" increase in coverage, from 35% to 42%, from causing additional flooding.

The comments were referred to staff for review and a future recommendation to council.

localbriefs

TRUCK THEFT LEADS TO ARRESTS

BRADFORD – Two people have been arrested and another is being sought by police in connection with a pickup truck theft.

South Simcoe police say the Dodge Dakota was taken from a home Monday.

At about 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, an officer on patrol spotted the stolen truck abandoned in a Bradford commercial plaza.

Also found ion the immediate area were three people who police say could be responsible for the theft.

A 32-year-old Bradford woman was arrested and charged with theft over $5,000, possession of stolen property and failing to comply with unspecified court conditions. She had a bail hearing scheduled for Wednesday morning.

A Bradford man, age 49, has been charged with possession of stolen property and was given a court date next month. Police are seeking an arrest warrant for a 59-year-old Bradford man for possession of stolen property.

SHOPLIFTERS TRACKED

BRADFORD – A store security camera is being used to track three shoplifters who lifted a laptop computer, a camera kit and a surveillance camera from a Bradford store.

South Simcoe police say a store employee spotted the trio leave the store Sunday night with items believed to have been stolen.

A review of the security cameras Monday, and of store inventory, showed numerous items missing. Police are looking for two men and a woman leaving the scene in a dark-coloured sedan.

A picture of the three is posted on the South Simcoe police Facebook page.

TRACTOR-TRAILER AIRBORNE

BRADFORD — A tractor-trailer left Highway 400, travelled through a ditch and became airborne before landing down an embankment, Friday morning.

According to the OPP, the driver was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

It's unknown why the truck left the highway.

Police say the crash took place just after 3:30 a.m. on Highway 400, south of Highway 88.

It's being investigated by the OPP's Highway Safety Division and the Traffic Support Unit.

Anyone who saw the crash is asked to call OPP at 905-841-5777.

Provincial conservatives would 'fix' slots-at-racetracks program: Jackson

FROM PAGE 3

He said the abolishment of the the slots at racetracks agreement by the Liberal government wreaked havoc on the province's horse industry.

The former agreement allowed slot machines into 18 racetracks that saw 10% of revenues going to the tracks, 10% to people in the horse industry, 5% to the host municipality and 75% going to the government.

The provincial Liberals later began calling the agreement a subsidy, something Brian Tropea, general manager of the Ontario Harness Horse Association, took exception to, saying the agreement was actually a windfall for the government, to the tune of approximately $340 million a year.

"The Liberal government pulled the plug on a successful slots-at-racetracks program in favour of building 29 new casinos across the province," Jackson said. "This ill-considered decision was made without any plan to transition the industry to sustainability. It devastated the horse-racing industry, putting tens of thousands of jobs at risk.

"A robust horse-racing industry is an essential component of Ontario's rural economy," the MPP added. "It employs 60,000 men and women, giving them work they love, and helps to sustain towns and rural communities across the province."

Jackson described the $100-million additional pledge to the industry a pre-election ploy.

"The current funding announcement is just another example of the Liberals bailing themselves out with taxpayer money on the eve of a possible election. A five-year roll-out of funds will not restore an industry that is suffering the fallout from bad Liberal policy today," he said.

Jackson said Ontario Progressive Conservatives would put an immediate and permanent end to the Liberals' OLG modernization plan that would close down racetrack slots in favour of building new casinos in locations yet to be determined.

"We would re-establish, but fix, a slots-at-racetracks program that will be transparent, accountable and affordable to the taxpayer," he said.

"We can look to best practices in U.S. jurisdictions like New York and Pennsylvania as models and form public-private partnerships with businesses that know how to run slots and other games to increase the overall revenue that can be shared with the horse racing industry and taxpayers.

"We should build off of what is already working and successful," Jackson said. "New gaming operations — like table games and sports betting — should go to racetracks, as opposed to building 29 new casinos."

Liberals pitch LCBO Express Stores

CHERYL BROWN
Innisfil Examiner

Grocery shopping lists will soon read: bread, milk, beer and wine.

On Tuesday, the Ontario government announced it would be opening up the bidding process to allow large grocery stores to build mini liquor stores in their shops as early as this fall.

"Ontarians have been asking for greater access and convenience to buy their favourite beer, bottle of win or spirit," Minister of Finance Charles Sousa said in a news release issued Tuesday. "These new Express Stores are a way to balance that convenience with social responsibility while further supporting our local industries."

Yet, several shoppers at a local Zehrs grocery store in Barrie didn't seem too enthused about the increased availability of alcohol in food stores.

"It's just so American, isn't it?" asked Lynne Askey, as she pushed her cart towards the corral. "I don't drink and I don't disapprove of it, but we've been fine all along the way they are, haven't we?"

And, John, who asked his last name not be used, said once the small liquor stores open up in a few grocery stores, it won't be long before every store has them.

"I'd just as soon they didn't. It's not so bad at first blush, but it's a slippery slope," he said.

LCBO stated they asked 7.8 million people for proof of identification and/or intoxication in 2012-13 and 322,000 were refused service in that time frame.

The total estimated value of Ontario's beverage alcohol market in those two years was $10 billion.

"We are pleased to be moving forward with the Express Store pilot concept," Bob Peter, president and CEO of LCBO, said in the statement.

"This innovative addition to our expanding store network will enhance our ability to provide one-stop, responsible alcohol service in more Ontario communities."

The LCBO issued the request for proposals (RFPs) Tuesday for an additional seven Express LCBO store across the province.

Phase one of the RFP has been issued for Ottawa, Toronto East, Toronto West, Mississauga, London, Virgil and Thorold. A second RFP will be issued seeking responses in additional areas.

The deadline for submissions is May 9.

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CRABBY COUPLE CUFFED

INNISFIL – Both husband and wife were arrested after South Simcoe police were called Tuesday afternoon when an argument had turned violent. A 44-year-old woman has been charged with assault, a 47-year-old man has been charged with mischief to property. Both were later released on condition not to communicate with each other.

COMPLAINANT ARRESTED

INNISFIL – A woman who went to the police station to complain about her husband was arrested herself Saturday. South Simcoe police say the woman told police that during the previous week, she had struck her husband and he had since changed the locks. Police determined the two had argued about money, She had become upset and struck him. A 46-year-old woman was arrested, charged with assault and released.

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APR. 4

Innisfil Eastern Star will host a card party at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 4 t the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria Street. Games will include bid euchre and progressive euchre. There will be cash prizes and a lunch served. The cost of the evening is $7. For information or tickets, call 705-431-5049. Innisfil Eastern Star will also be hosting additional card parties on Friday, May 2, and Friday, June 6.

APR. 5, 10

The Innisfil Public Library will be hosting the Canada Revenue Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) again this year. Certified volunteers will be available for 20 to 30 minute appointments at the Stroud Branch, 7883 Yonge Street, to help eligible individuals complete their income tax and benefit returns. This free service will be available at the following times: Thursday, April 10 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 5th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Volunteers do not complete income tax and benefit returns for deceased persons, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses. Please register in person or by phone at the Stroud Branch - (705) 436-1681. Appointments are not mandatory but ensure a shorter waiting time.

APR. 5

The St. James United Church in Stroud continues their Community Workshop Series on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. entitled 'Understanding Grief'. It's about bringing normalcy to a time of difficulty and how to help yourself and others through an increased awareness of the grief and bereavement process. Register by calling 705-436-5225 or patricia.stjamesuc@gmail.com

APR. 5, 6

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - 8th Line of Essa, hosts the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, April 5 and 6. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., enjoy tours of the sugar bush and maple syrup-making demonstrations, War of 1812 re-enactments, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides and the critters of Zoo to You. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy pancakes, sausages and real maple syrup. Cost is $10 for adults, $5 for kids two to 12, and free for infants.

APR. 6

If you like playing euchre, come on out and meet new friends and old friends at the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion. Games starts= at 1 p.m at $10 per person, which includes 10 games, draws, prizes and snacks.

APR. 7

The Innisfil Arts, Culture and Heritage Council annual general meeting takes place on Monday, April 7 at the South Simcoe Theatre in Cookstown. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments and treats will be served. For more information visit www.iachc.ca

APR. 7

York-Simcoe Provincial NDP will be holding a nomination meeting to select a candidate for the next provincial election, which could be called as early as this spring. The meeting will be taking place Monday, April 7 at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Keith Lindsay at 1-888-881-4ndp or contact@ndpyorsimcoe.ca

APR. 8

From Tuesday, April 8 to Saturday, April 12, Pasta Plus owners Nancy and Anthony Abate invite the public to join in a fundraising effort for Nantyr Shores students heading to Normandy this summer to participate in ceremonies marking the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. Pasta Plus will be donating 5% of their sales to Team D-Day and Nantyr Shores.

APR. 11

You know spring is on the way when Lakeside Retirement hosts its Hippity Hoppity Bingo night on Friday, April 11 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with refreshments, prizes and a jackpot. The community is invited to come out and play, at 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona. Please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

APR. 12

My Girlfriend's Closet Sale takes place on Saturday, Apr. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. at the Stroud branch of Innisfil Public Library. Stop in for a stylish Saturday and see nearly new cloths at nearly nothing prices. Most items are $5 or less.

APR. 12

The Town of Innisfil is hosting the Community Volunteer Celebration and Thank You barbecue for its volunteers on Saturday, April 12, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Innisfil Recreational Complex YMCA Gym. The lunch is open to all volunteers, their friends and family: ust RSVP to customer cervice at inquiry@innisfil.ca or call 705-436-3710 to confirm the number of guests you plan to bring. Mayor Barb Baguley will make welcoming remarks and thanks, at 12:30 p.m

APR. 12

On Saturday, Apr. 12 Alan Rhody performs a live concert at Music Up Close House Concerts at 2226 Richard St. in Innisfil beginning at 8 p.m. with a suggested minimum donation of $20 per seat. Call Peter @705-436-3927 to reserve your seats. Coffee and treats served at intermission. Visit www.musicupclose.com for more info.

APR. 14

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society meets Monday, April 14 at the Churchill Community Centre, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Karl Kohnen, on 'Grasses for the Garden'.

APR. 15

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion General Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and vote for your new officers and executive for the year 2014 – 2015.

APR. 26

Lakeside Retirement hosts its annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are still available. Contact Chanelle or Nadiya at 705-431-8105. Vendors will be selling a variety of items, from baked goods to jewellery, crafts, cards, and more

APR. 26

Back by popular demand, the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion will have guitarist Adam Timoon and with his interactive show of music and comedy. Adam has been a entertainer since the 1960s and here is your chance again to see him. The show runs begins at 7 p.m. Reserve your tickets now as they will go fast. Call Chris Knowles at 705-431-5090. There will be a light lunch served around 9:30 p.m.

MAY 4

Want to make a difference? The South Simcoe Streams Network is sending out an 'Early Bird' call for volunteers to participate in Trees for Streams Work Party Days: planting native trees and shrubs along local streams and rivers. Scheduled work days this spring include: April 26 - Adjala -Tosorontio, 9 a.m. to noon; May 3 - New Tecumseth, 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday, May 4 - Innisfil, 9 a.m. to noon; May 24 - Essa Twp., 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday, June 14 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, from 9 a.m. to noon. Register as an individual or a group for a tree planting event. RSVP to Silvia Pedrazzi at silvia@nottawasaga.com or call 705-435-1540. Each day will include an orientation session, and refreshments. High school students are welcome to participate, and earn their community hours. The tree-planting is possible with Government of Ontario and Ontario Trillium Foundation funding.

JUNE 4

South Simcoe Theatre presents Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings from June 5 to 8 at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. This year's plays will include long and short works by writers from Cookstown, Alliston, Innisfil, Minesing, Toronto and New York. Thursday, June 5, at 8 p.m.: The Indelible Woodpecker, by Jacob Appel and directed by Janet Ness. Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m.: The Innocent Teenager by Chloe Theriault and directed by Janet Lord-Genyk; and Squeeker, by Bruce McCallum, a radio horror play, directed by drew Murdoch and Emily Culley. Saturday, June 7 at 8 p.m.: Four Eulogies, by Jack Trepanier and directed by Robert Newby; and The Lonely Vigil of Emily Baxter, by Raymond James Holmes, directed by George Gibson and Chelsea Stephan. Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m.: The Retirement Plan, by Robin Pond, directed by Nancy Knapp. Tickets are $5 per day; call the box office at 705-458-4432. Visit www.southsimcoetheatre.com for details.

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Town recognizes World Autism Awareness Day

MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Innisfil was one of over 300 municipalities in Ontario, recognizing World Autism Awareness Day on Wednesday with a flag-raising. In attendance were, from left, councillors Doug Lougheed, Lynn Dollin and Ken Simpson, Michael, Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson, Mayor Barb Baguley, South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, Zachary, Clayton, and in back, Fire Chief Jon Pegg and Deputy Chief Tom Raeburn.

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Wednesday was World Autism Awareness Day and over 300 municipalities across Ontario raised the Autism Awareness flag at town halls and schools.

The Town of Innisfil also participated in the flag-raising.

Gloria Noseworthy, whose son Zachary has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, welcomed families, members of council and other dignitaries to the event.

"The more aware we are, the more we are able to help," she said, urging understanding for the challenges faced by young people struggling with the neurological disorder.

"We probably can't change it, but we can understand it, and help people work through the system," agreed Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley. "Everybody just needs kindness."

Those with Autism Spectrum Disorder may exhibit difficulty with language, problems with socialization and repetitive behaviours. The incidence is on the rise, affecting an estimated one in 94 births in Canada, and and one in 68 in the U.S.

Noseworthy, after struggling to find Zachary the intensive therapies he needed to help him through school, now faces a new challenge.

Her son will be turning 23 in May, and as his mom noted, "There is very little programming for this age."

She is now fundraising to eventually open 'Just a Spot for Us', a centre for older youth and adults, coping with autism.

"They need structure, when they finish school," she said.

"They're quite capable of doing everything. They just need a little support and the guidance to do it."

That's something she sees Just a Spot for Us providing.

So far, Noseworthy has raised about $3,700 and has plans for a fundraising auction, if she can find the right venue.

"I'm looking for as much help and support as I can." Anyone who would like to know more about the challenges of autism, and help establish the new centre, can contact Noseworthy at Keiser47@hotmail.com

'Permit Palooza' will be one-stop shopping for residents

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Planning to construct a shed or deck this summer? Looking at installing a pool fence, new septic system or large temporary tent? Considering demolition? A residential interior renovation? Looking for a burn permit?

The Town of Innisfil wants to make it simple for residents.

During the evening of April 22, 23 and 24, the town will be holding 'Permit Palooza', a one-stop approach to picking up needed permits, being held from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening.

Innisfil departments of planning, development, engineering, customer service as well as fire and rescue services will all have representatives on hand, along with representative from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority.

Residents are asked to bring in a completed application form, two copies of all plans and specifications, two copies of their site plan, the permit fees (cash, cheque or debit are acceptable) and have their applications reviewed, processed and permits issued, all in one night.

Approvals from the conservation authorities, or from the developer where lot grading certification is pending, may also be needed.

There's another aspect of the evening events: on all three nights, the town will be holding a United Way Greater Simcoe County fundraiser barbecue.

"We are looking forward to a great turnout, and supporting the United Way," said chief building official Danny Rodgers, noting that if Permit Palooza is a success it will become an annual event.

For more information, visit www.innisfil.ca and look on the construction and renos page, or call customer service at 705-436-3710.

Town moves ahead with Cookstown Heritage Conservation District

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Innisfil now has its first Heritage Conservation District encompassing most of the village of Cookstown.

By-laws approved in council on Wednesday night not only designate the Heritage Conservation District, but a smaller Community Improvement Plan Area that will be eligible for a suite of grants and incentives to support the preservation of the village's built heritage.

But the designation was nearly delayed and deferred when Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson put forward a motion calling for the Cookstown Heritage Conservation District to be reconsidered.

His motion came after several impassioned statements in open forum from Cookstown residents opposed to the designation.

Angela Cristini, who has opposed designation at all of the various public meetings — formal and informal — called it an assault on property rights.

"It seems everybody already had their decision made before," she said, claiming that the town was ignoring a large number of people who are opposed to designation. "We're not saying heritage designation is a bad thing, just that we'd like choice, and you're not giving us that choice."

"I don't feel that we really have been listened to," said Marg Hambly, noting that her family had invested a great deal of money in buildings within the downtown core of the village. "I really resent the fact that those rights are being taken from me."

Doug Brown, a Cookstown resident for 48 years, told council, "Apparently you people can come along and tell us what we can do with our home. I'm here to voice my displeasure."

And Mike Brown (no relation), noted,"People have spent a lot of money making these homes look good, without anybody telling them to do it. Frankly, I don't know why we need this."

The Heritage Conservation District places restrictions on the exterior renovations of buildings identified as of significant historical, design or 'contextual' value, classified in categories 'A' and 'B'. Owners of buildings in those categories are required to follow guidelines to preserve the character of their buildings and check with town staff by obtaining a Heritage Alteration Permit at no cost if exterior alterations are planned.

However, buildings not deemed of historical value, interior renovations, general maintenance and driveway repairs — and exterior alterations not visible from the street — are all exempt from the controls.

The heritage conservation district by-law was developed after more than a year of public meetings and consultation.

> **"To get buy-in from everybody in the community, the town has to step up."**
>
> *Coun. Lynn Dollin*

Ward Coun. Lynn Dollin said that while she appreciated the passionate comments on both sides, "as HCDs go, this one is fairly mild," with flexible standards.

She promised that if, once the HCD is in place, there is any proof that it is hurting residents, "I will bring forward a motion to repeal this."

But in committee of the whole, Davidson suggested reviewing and revising the Heritage Conservation District, limiting the designation only to those buildings in category A within in the downtown core.

"I can't be the person that forces people to do something they don't want to do," he said, calling for deferral of the decision, and reconsideration of the boundaries. "I think there has to be a little bit of leeway. I can't see rushing this through."

Director of development Don Eastwood warned that if changes were proposed to the Heritage Conservation District at this point, "it would be probably appropriate to have another round of public consultation."

Dollin suggested that "people have polarized on this issue," and that further consultation was not likely to change their minds.

Coun. Rod Boynton was opposed sending the plans back to staff "at this late stage. Honestly, I'm kind of shocked here. Were we all at those meetings or were we not?

"There's been extensive work done. It's not that we're pushing this through. We've already seen the bulldozers push through," he said, referring to the loss of several historic buildings in Innisfil that were in the way of development.

Davidson's motion was defeated 5-2 and the by-laws designating the Cookstown Heritage Conservation District and Community Improvement Plan Area were approved, 5-2.

There was acknowledgement that it isn't enough to designate a Cookstown Heritage Conservation District, but that the town should also be actively investing in the community. "There's no question in my mind that everybody who lives in Cookstown, loves Cookstown," said Dollin. "To get buy-in from everybody in the community, the town has to step up," addressing deficiencies in the roads and sidewalks, and investing in beautification.

Coun. Doug Lougheed agreed.

"The option is do nothing, and I don't think it's acceptable."

An HCD is recognition that "you've got something special down there. It's not about taking (rights) away," he said.

COMMUNITY: Legion's annual Chili Challenge a tasty affair

MIRIAM KING Innisfil Examiner

Chantal, left, and Nicole entered a pot of chili in the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion's annual Chili Challenge, held Saturday, March 29. The chili was based on a family recipe from their Hungarian grandmother, with a few modifications. There were eight crockpots of chili entered this year, all were flavourful and with ingredients that included ground beef, chickpeas, mushrooms, tomatoes and even chicken. A steady stream of visitors came through the doors on Saturday to vote for their favourite by number. Winner of the challenge was, once again, George Patrick, whose entry was a clear favourite with the 50 visitors who stopped by the Legion.

Innisfil's tourism partners gearing up for another summer season

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Fifty-seven representatives of Innisfil's tourism sector attended the Innisfil Tourism Social, held on Monday at Harbour House Grill in Lefroy.

It was billed as an opportunity to network and exchange ideas in advance of the 2014 summer tourism season that is so importanmt to so many area businesses.

Among those in attendance were business owners, promoters, artists and organizers, as well as members of Innisfil town council and senior staff.

Harbour House Grill served up complementary food as guests mingled and exchanged brochures.

Alison Stovold, manager of the Cookstown KOA Campground, explained, "We're just hoping to get everyone together to meet each other," and potentially develop new partnerships and cross-promotions.

And Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley told the guests that the town was prepared to work with local businesses to boost tourism.

"Anything we can do to grow business and promote tourism: we have a wealth of information and resources."

Baguley noted that tourism is often a resident's first introduction to the town.

"Once they visit us, they want to stay. We're growing Innisfil, every time we have a visitor to Innisfil.

"Thanks for helping make Innisfil better known," she added.

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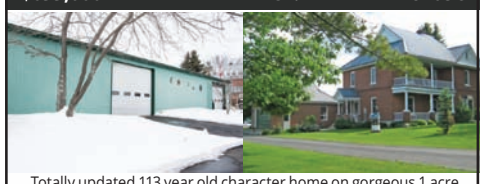

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Totally updated 113 year old character home on gorgeous 1 acre property features a huge 105'x40' shop with a heated/finished area and endless income potential. 3 finished flrs, 4 level elevator and over 2600 sqft finished. If you rent a shop, you should be looking at this property. Ultra convenient location at the doorstep of Barrie.

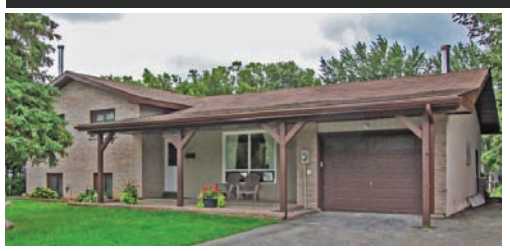
$899,900 ★ JUST WOW! ★ ID#79746C

- Extremely desirable in-town estate area
- Huge 1.5 acre property
- Over 7,000 sqft finished
- 7 bedrooms and 4+1 baths
- Huge circular driveway
- Multi-level in-law apartment!
- 18x36 in ground salt water pool
- Awesome rec room overlooking pool area

$450,000 ★HUGE 3RD FLOOR LOFT!★ ID#109683C

- Huge 4 bedroom home in desirable neighborhood
- Fantastic 3rd floor loft
- Hardwood, 9' ceilings....
- Great school zoning!
- Rare 2nd floor laundry
- Bright open concept layout

$317,900 ★NEW LISTING! ★ ID#82132C

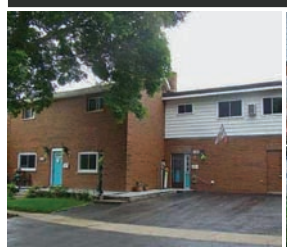


Looking for an in-town home with huge yard? Character home with large yard in mature area. Close to all the amenities, park & schools. Yard is over 1/3 acre! Generous size kitchen overlooks living rm. New hardwood in living room, updated cabinets, stainless appliances + new sink, updated doors/trim. 3+1 bedrooms and finished bsmt with large rec room, wood stove and stone wall. Tons of potential!

$719,900 ★PRIVATE OASIS BACKYARD!★ ID#107194C

Rare opportunity on exclusive cul-de-sac with triple garage. Huge pie-shape lot backing onto forest. Oasis yard with in-ground pool, waterfalls, terraced patio, built-in hot tub, cabana, built-in bbq + surrounded by forest! Nearly 3500sqft finished with fine finishings t/out....hardwood, pot lts, 9' clgs + cathedral, granite, hardwood stairs/railing.... Huge master with his/her closets. Rare find in a premier location!

$489,900 ★ ATTENTION INVESTORS!!★ ID#100266C



Legal triplex. Complex includes (1) 3 bdrm/2 bath unit, (2) 1 bdrm/1 bath unit + granny suite....all generating income. Nicely landscaped yard with shared access inground pool. Shared coin laundry, large storage shed, hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces. 100% occupied & rents out very easily.

$729,000 ★CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY! ★ ID#49172C

Custom built home in a great commuter location. Impressive stone & timber frame entrance. Open concept layout with 11' high custom great room ceiling. Outstanding workmanship throughout. High quality oil hardwood, flat ceilings, all wood trim, ball bearing hinges, in-clg speakers, multiple fire places, huge kitchen with solid surfaces, built-in appls, crown, pot lights...

$499,900 ★NEW LISTING!★ ID#105270C

- Extremely desirable lakeside cove neighborhood
- Location from Lake Simcoe & Kidd Park
- Office/bungalow w/ finished bsmt
- Countless upgrades (granite, hardwood, 9' ceilings, cathedral ceilings...)

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Exceptional home & Cul-De-Sac, Midhurst $1,695,000
Extraordinary architecturally designed Custom home on 1.7 acre treed estate. 7600 sq ft beautifully quality finished, including the indoor pool area. Amazing windows & skylights, soaring ceilings, & so much to see. Midves Crt. MLS 1400545

NEW LISTING

Popular Allandale $324,800
Beautifully updated & renova[illegible] kout bsmt bungalow, newer kitc[illegible] furn[illegible]e, [illegible]ntral air, windows [illegible] updated bathroo[illegible] floors, stainless [illegible]nces. Backing on Shear Park tree[illegible]rea. William St. MLS 1401703

SOLD

27 Acre Estate + 2 Shops $795,000
Well maintained lovely home, over 4800 sq ft finished, triple garage, laneways, pool, gardens, patios, & porches. Nicely set back, private amongst trees, ravine, & stream. Updated kitchen & baths, hardwood, granite. Truly Special! Moonstone Rd W. MLS 1400372

Attractive Grandview Home $424,900
Open concept, eat-in kitchen overlooking family room with F/P & W/O to deck & yard, 4+2 bdrms, 3 ½ baths, separate entrance bsmt with inlaw apt or use yourself. Main floor office & laundry. Hardwood, ceramics, pot lights. Prince William Way. MLS 1401457

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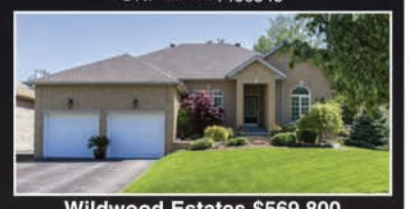
Willow Creek - Midhurst $644,000
Well maintained, updated stylish home backing on Willow Creek, inground pool, decking, patios, gardens, awnings. Grand staircase, open plan kitchen overlooks family room & yard, luxurious ensuite, granite, hardwood, ceramics, finished basement. Cairns Blvd. MLS 1402062



Wildwood Estates $569,800
Impressive 3+1 bedroom open concept upgraded bungalow on a larger lot amongst lovely neighboring homes in treed area. Hardwood, ceramics, high ceilings, updated baths & décor. Professionally finished basement. Grouse Glen. MLS 1401712

NEW LISTING

Quality Gregor Built $419,000
Great street appeal across from Gibbon Park. Well maintained & upgraded: hardwood on main & upper floors + staircase, kitchen replaced, windows updated, stylish décor, pot lights, gas F/P, private yard with deck & sitting area. Gibbon Dr. MLS 1401880

East End – Fantastic Street Appeal $449,800
Beautifully set back, well maintained century home with additions. Huge private 76' x 247' mature treed lot, front porches, pool, gardens, charm & character! Melrose Ave. MLS #1401691

Snow Valley's newer Street $799,000
Stylish quality custom open concept bungalow on quiet private cul-de-sac, forest surrounds. Walkout nicely finished basement. Beautiful kitchen. Cathedral window wall & large deck Luxurious master & ensuite – elegant tub & separate glass shower. Inspiring! Heron Blvd. MLS 1400359

NEW LISTING

Stunning End Unit Condo $205,900
East End Barrie, renovated & updated, newer opened up kitchen, baths, flooring, light fixtures, hardware, paint & decor – Beautiful! Fees include: heat, gas, hydro, cable, water, water heater, maintenance, grass, leaves & snow, insurance, exterior. Blake St. MLS 1402029

East End Bungalow $274,800
Clean well cared for all brick h[illegible] deep lot with country view[illegible] field[illegible] kitchen walks ou[illegible] finished walkout [illegible] room, bedroom, bathroom [illegible] laundry. Bright & nicely decorated. Buchanan St. MLS 1401108

SOLD

Dundonald & Theresa St $688,000
Prime East End Barrie loca[illegible] charming 4,000 sq ft well [illegible]ainte[illegible]5 [illegible]edroom century [illegible] on [illegible]ge [illegible]e treed lot. Cov[illegible] porch[illegible]s & double garage. [illegible]ail, a special property. Dundonald St. MLS 1307870

SOLD

Vacant Land - Prime Location $374,900
Approximately 24.5 acres of beautifully wooded relatively level land in prime location between Snow Valley Highlands and Stone Gate. Future development potential and minutes to Barrie, Snow Valley ski hill, golf and more. Barrie Hill Rd. MLS 1304938

7 Acres – Shanty Bay $349,000
A piece of beautiful land minutes to RVH, Barrie, & Lake Simcoe. Older home needs much work – mostly land value here – build your dream home in a rural setting yet close to everything. Golf & hwy access nearby. Line 2 S. MLS 1307286

Innisbrook Estates 9.8 acres $1,499,000
Custom built over 7250 sq ft finished on 3 levels, 5 bdrms, 5 baths, cathedral ceilings, elevator, beautiful interior finishing's, windows, staircases, foyers & neighboring homes. Large principal rooms, extensive landscaping, decks, & patios. Impressive! Innisbrook St. MLS 1400659

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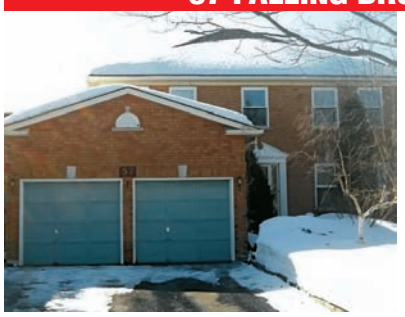

Directions: Big Bay Point to Grand Forest to Falling Brook
$374,900.00 Wonderful family home in Kingswood offers 4 bedroom, 3 full baths, powder room, main floor laundry, large eat-in kitchen with entry to rear covered patio and a abundance of perennial gardens. Main floor family room with gas fireplace, formal dining area, new hardwood in family room and dining, newer shingles. Finished lower level with rec room with wood burning fireplace. Call for a personal viewing.

$179,900.00 Excellent opportunity to get into the market in this lovely 2+1 bedroom bungalow situated on just over a ½ acre lot conveniently located between Midland and Barrie. Many recent updates include, newer shingles, newer gas furnace, some newer windows, deck in rear yard, hot water tank, and renovated bath. Extensive landscaping in both front and rear yards. Don't miss out please call for a personal viewing.

$150,000.00 to $240,000.00 "APTO" Build your dream home on one of these Executive lots in Prestigious "Apto Glen Estates", lot sizes range from 1.5 acres to 2.8 acres, all lots have mature trees, building restrictions and covenants are in place to protect your investment, a short drive to Barrie or Elmvale. Seller may consider a short term Mortgage back. H.S.T. is in addition to the purchase price, All Development Charges and Building Permits are in addition to the purchase and paid by the Buyer. Please call Al or Elaine for further information. MLS # Various

$184,900.00 Carefree Living in Elmvale: Welcome to Maplecrest Court, an adult lifestyle community located in Elmvale. New appointed units offer quality and design you come to expect from Hedbern Homes. 1 & 2 bedroom units available and range from 787 sq. Feet to 1321 sq. Feet. Prices range from $184,900.00 to $279,900.00. Exquisite finishes include 9 foot ceilings, ceramic tiles in all wet areas, in suite laundry and 6 appliances included. Don't delay please call Elaine or Al to set up a appointment. MLS # Various

Professional offices main floor 1200 square feet just renovated includes two private offices reception area large boardroom could be two more offices, two washrooms, kitchenette, plenty of parking; utilities included $ 1000.00 per month plus H S T for the first year. ****PLEASE NOTE** Landlord will renovate into whatever suits your needs for your small business, Zoned EM4???** Call Elaine or Al to set up a appointment. **MLS #1306937**

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This raised ranch offers over 2,000 sq ft of living space 3 plus 2 bedrooms. 2 Baths master with ensuite. Rec room with natural fireplace. Open concept. Patio doors overlooking park like back yard. Oversized garage. Lots of room for big boy toys. Minutes to go-train, barrie and 400. Take Yonge St. S. from Barrie to Southview, just past community center in Stroud to Southview then go East to Gordon on right.

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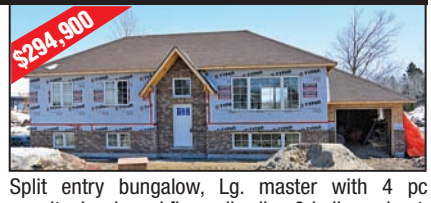

Split entry bungalow, Lg. master with 4 pc ensuite, hardwood floors, liv, dine & hall, gas heat, unfinished basement, exterior walls framed and insulated!

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MARY BATEMAN
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REGATTA CONDO SUITE 708-75 ELLEN ST
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Rare find in the village of Minesing! Huge 131 x 152 foot lot with massive oversized 3 car garage ($30,000 upgrade 17x40ft). Lovely bungalow with huge foyer, 3+1 bdrms, 1.5 Baths, main flr lndry, lg principle rooms. Eat- in ktchn with w/o to lg deck. Main flr w/o to 2 tiered deck. Large fmly rm in the bsmnt with cozy wood burning fireplace. Inside entry to garage orientated village is a wonderful place to live.

NEW LISTING * 22 BATES

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Enjoy this beautiful & cozy 1350 sq ft 3 bedroom 2 story detached home on quiet cul-de-sac. Home has been well maintained and has a full finished basement. Beautiful granite in kitchen with island also granite in bathroom. This home features walk out to large fenced in private backyard. Close to all amenities. Move in ready. Shows 10+ come take a look.

New window shade offers energy-efficient style

(NC) – The newest window dressing on the block called Solera Soft Shades from Hunter Douglas, combines a soft, sculpted look with added dimension and a unique cellular construction. Solera shades flow over the window in a cascade of soft pleats that beautifully filter light while adding drama and sophistication to a room. The cellular shape allows for increased energy efficiency and the colour continues inside each cell to give the shades added depth and richness.

"Solera shades appear upscale and high-end, but are priced within the reach of most consumers," says Sue Rainville, director of marketing for Hunter Douglas, developer of the product. "They offer the best of both worlds – the energy efficiency of cellular shades with the sculpted look of a soft shade – and they come with a lifetime guarantee."

The contemporary collection offers woven and non-woven fabric options in fashion-forward colours, textures and patterns. The Cobblestone fabric, one of five styles offered, provides an on-trend snakeskin look and there are jacquard and linen-inspired looks as well.

All fabrics are available in two opacities: light-filtering for diffused light with a soft glow and room-darkening for privacy with maximum light control.

Rainville points out that Solera operates with proven lifting systems, including a cordless option and battery-powered motorization, which can be operated from mobile devices with the Hunter Douglas Platinum App.

Due to the internal lift cords, there are no exposed cords on the back of these shades. This enhances child safety and provides a clean look from outside the home. The street-side of the shade is also off-white for exterior uniformity.

More information is available online at www.hunterdouglas.ca.

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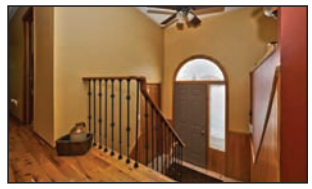

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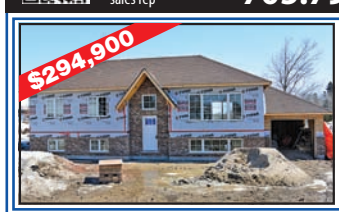
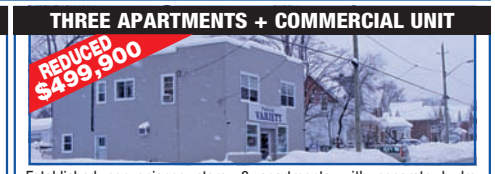


Split entry bungalow, Lg. master with 4 pc ensuite, hardwood floors, liv, dine & hall, gas heat, unfinished basement, exterior walls framed and insulated!

SHOW WITH PRIDE

Lovely 2 storey brick home features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Located in desirable Innisfil area, close to water, schools & many other amenities. Large foyer, cozy family room with gas FP, spacious eat-in kitchen w/ walkout to deck & fenced yard.

THREE APARTMENTS + COMMERCIAL UNIT



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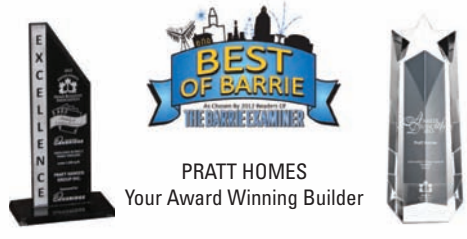

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65 ELLEN #1008
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Be open to fresh air when indoors

(NC) Clean air is essential for good health. As Canadians, we spend close to 90 per cent of our time inside, so the quality of our indoor air is particularly important. If you're cleaning or tackling a home improvement project, you may be using products that contain chemicals that can be released into the air, such as cleaning products, paints and varnishes or glue.

Good ventilation is very important whenever you are using products containing chemical substances, especially if they are labelled with warning symbols.

Tips for safe and effective cleaning:

Remember to bring in fresh air whenever possible. This will help reduce pollutants that can accumulate to levels that might pose health and comfort problems.

Clean regularly to eliminate dust and dirt. Breathing in dust can create breathing problems or worsen an existing respiratory condition.

Use kitchen and bathroom fans vented outside to help remove pollutants directly from the rooms where they are created.

Consider installing an air exchange unit. Remember to change the filters regularly, as recommended by the manufacturer.

To keep homes safe and healthy for ourselves, families and visitors, it's important to try to identify and reduce hazards from the indoor air we breathe.

More information and tips are available at no cost through Health Canada's Hazardcheck guide, which you can read or order copies of online at HealthyCanadians.gc.ca/Hazardcheck or by calling 1-800-O-Canada.

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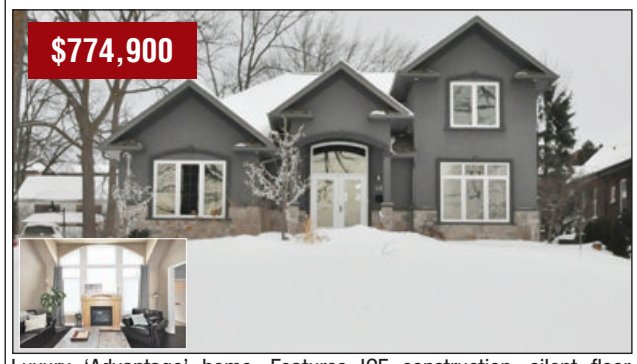
85FT OF WATERFRONT

85' Southerly exposure lake front cottage. Built in 1966 boasts panoramic views of Kempenfelt Bay/Big Bay Point. Also offers 22'x18' bunkie when upgraded gives the option of entertaining guests in their own unit. Boat house, concrete dock and further dock extension. Beautiful piece of property

WATERFRONT VIEWS IN BARRIE



Luxury 'Advantage' home. Features ICF construction, silent floor system, cathedral ceilings, heated floors, freshly painted...Just to start. Open concept layout, lg breakfast bar, granite/slate/bamboo/hardwood flooring. Lg main floor master w/5pc ensuite (steam shower) & his/her closets **kids can have their own loft area upstairs. 2 Bedrooms & 4pc bath. 10+++ Sought after area.

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(NC) Did you know that the federal government is assessing thousands of chemicals used in Canada and taking action on those found to be harmful to human health and the environment through an initiative called the Chemicals Management Plan?

The plan helps Canadian families find out more about the potential risks and safe use of the chemical products they use at home in their everyday lives.

Hazardcheck is a guide available through Health Canada that provides information on commonly-used household products that can pose risks to health, especially for young children. Tips are provided to help you reduce exposure and ensure a healthier home environment.

Read or order copies online at HealthyCanadians.gc.ca/Hazardcheck or call 1-800-O-Canada.

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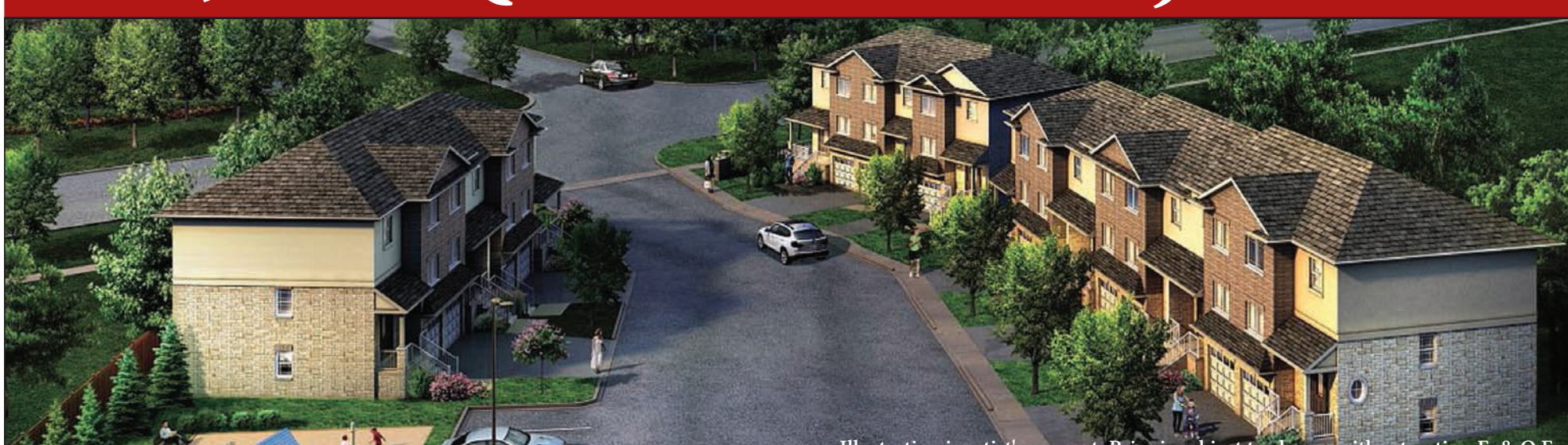

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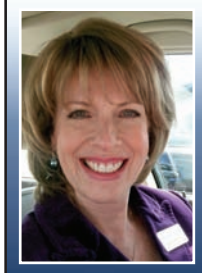

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Winter is almost over - and that means it's time to start thinking about swimming at the cottage! This great property features 50' of sandy waterfront on Lake Simcoe! Featuring 3 bedrooms, this year round home offers spectacular sunrise views! With warm pine throughout and a stone fireplace for cozy nights!

FENCE ME IN
Charming, 3 bedroom sidesplit on quiet steet in convenient Barrie neighbourhood. Large, private fenced-in yard for the dog and kids. Updated mocha coloured kitchen cabinetry with stainless steel fridge and stove. Luxurious ceramic, bamboo and hardwood flooring. Close to parks, waterfront, and GO station! Come take a look!

SUMMER DREAMIN'
Similar to photo. Brand new 3 bedroom home to be built on large lot in mature neighbourhood in historic Lefroy! Just a short walk to a sandy waterfront park where you can dip your toes in the lake! Park your boat at Monto Reno Marina at the end of the street and enjoy all Lake Simcoe has to offer!

HOLD YOUR HORSES!
Great opportunity to own nearly 20 acres close to Barrie in Wyevale! Two barns with several stalls each and lots of hay storage above, large fenced paddock with track, several fenced smaller paddocks, and separate large workshop! Unique 1 1/2 storey home with 3 bedrooms, bright kitchen. Call Sharon to view!

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Enjoy one of the most prestigious condo addresses in Barrie! Elegant main floor suite features private patio, 9' ceilings, ceramic and hardwood flooring, Corian countertops, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms including ensuite, and 2 indoor parking spots. Just a short stroll to restaurants, shops, Kempenfelt Bay and all downtown amenities.

CENTRAL STROUD!
Cute and positively cozy 2 bedroom ranch bungalow in a great location! Enclosed porch off the kitchen leads to the large backyard; and there's an added workshop at the rear of the garage - great for the hobbyist or possible home based business! Close to grocery store, restaurants, coffee shop, GO transit, everything!

Turn your home from bland to grand with the newest colour trends

(NC) Looking to add a pop of colour to basic home décor...or transform tired-looking elements in your home? You don't have to buy something new to incorporate the latest style and colour trends into your home. All you need is a little spray paint and inspiration from the colour and design experts at Krylon.

"The Krylon colour trends for 2014 are based on the curious, optimistic attitude of society today," says Sue Wadden, colour marketing and design manager at Krylon. "In spite of pressures and priorities, our spirit of adventure has been restored. We are ready to go, moving forward boldly to welcome new and renewed possibilities. And so our colour choices are recharged with innovative combinations."

According to Wadden, the new 2014 colour trends include:

Grounded

Today's culture is again intrigued by, and in tune with, nature. We admire it, play in it and protect it. Whether it's an organic garden to tend or a wooded path to discover, the environment grabs our attention in new ways. Featuring colours harvested from field and forest, the Grounded trend includes earthy greens, browns and golds.

Colours in the Grounded palette include: Bauhaus Gold, Burgundy, Pebble, Italian Olive, Celery, Bahama Sea and Pewter Gray.

Fuse

The Fuse trend celebrates the fusion of global cultures with bright, bold colours reminiscent of tribal textiles and crafts. They all come together in the melting pot of the new millennium. Proud traditions find a place alongside new interpretations of our heritage as races and cultures collide in wonderful, colourful ways.

Colours in the Fuse palette include: Mambo Pink, Pumpkin Orange, Emerald Green, Sun Yellow, Global Blue, Pistachio and Hunter Green.

Quest

In our current culture we no longer think we know it all, but we certainly want to. We have more interests, bigger imaginations and lots of questions. We look high and low for answers, including the vast reaches of cyberspace. Our searching has found deep, mysterious blues and surprising bright colours, which are all reflected in the Quest trend.

Colours in the Quest palette include: Watermelon, Navy Blue, Blue Ocean Breeze, Citrus Green, Iris, Sea Glass and Coral Isle.

State of Calm

Today things move quickly and with purpose. There is so much going on that sometimes we want to turn off. We retreat and recharge in quiet spaces surrounded by peaceful thoughts and mere whispers of colour. The State of Calm trend reflects undemanding colours - from soft pinks and whites to subdued grays and browns.

Colours in the State of Calm palette include: Catalina Mist, Brown Boots, Sweet Cream, Ballet Slipper, Oxford Blue, Classic Gray and Dover White.

Many of these colours are available in Krylon's popular ColorMaster line of spray paints, with select colours also being included in other Krylon product lines such as Dual Superbond Paint + Primer and Fusion Paint for Plastic. For more information about Krylon, and additional resources for choosing the perfect colour, visit www.krylon.ca.

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Spring forward with these breathe-easy cleaning tips

(NC) With the snow and cold behind us, Canadians will be getting busy with dusting, mopping and clearing out the closets during their annual spring cleaning. But, before you start clearing out all of the nooks and crannies in your home, it's important to understand the potential impact on your health.

Though giving your house a deep clean is a good idea, it can also stir up allergens and dust, which can cause irritation to your respiratory system. Harsh fumes from cleaning products also have the potential to affect your health, especially if you have a lung condition called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

COPD, which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis, causes permanent narrowing of the lung airways. Symptoms include shortness of breath, coughing up phlegm and wheezing. When symptoms get worse or a new, persistent symptom like a change in phlegm comes on, it could be the beginning of a lung attack, which can potentially lead to hospitalization, restricted mobility and even death.

Before you start your annual spring cleaning, follow these steps:

Natural beauty: Harsh cleaning sprays can cause irritation and trigger breathing problems. Instead, try a less toxic alternative like hydrogen peroxide or a natural cleaning solution like vinegar.

Destroy dust: Take steps to make your home as dust-free as possible throughout the year by dusting and vacuuming regularly and washing bedding in hot water to avoid the collection of dust mites. If you suffer from respiratory conditions like asthma or allergies, consider removing or reducing the carpet in your home as well as replacing curtains with blinds to further minimize the collection of dust and dust mites.

Learn about lung attacks: If you have a lung disease like COPD and notice any significant change like increased coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing or an unusual change in phlegm, contact your physician. Discuss your worsening symptoms and also ask if your medication dosages need an adjustment.

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Celebrate the season with elegant and affordable outdoor updates

(NC) Patio season is upon us, which means hosting family and friends for warm-weather gatherings and barbecues. Don't fret; outdoor events don't have to break the bank. With just a bit of creative vision and DIY savvy, you'll have an al fresco affair to remember in no time at all.

Sensational seatingIs your furniture looking a bit battered and worse for wear from too much exposure to the elements? Not to worry. Outdoor-durable spray paint, such as Krylon® ColorMaster Paint + Primer, can revive your wicker or wood seating for many summer seasons to come. It's simple to create sensational seating; just be sure the surface is clean, dull and dry and then spray in one of the 70 colours and finishes that ColorMaster offers. The unique formulation offers quick and easy results – and dries in 10 minutes or less, so you will have more time to stage the rest of your patio arrangement.

Elegant ambiance

Once your seating is set, create eye-catching centrepieces to welcome your guests. No need to head to the store, as items around your home such as forgotten knick knacks or candlestick holders can easily be spray painted in vibrant colours to complement your newly revitalized furniture. Finish up your tablescape for upcoming dinner parties with colourful cups, place mats and cloth napkins. Your guests will be in awe of your custom designs.

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Set the mood at your soirée with interesting accent lighting. Tiki torches are an easy and inexpensive solution to provide excellent perimeter lighting. Or, for a fun DIY project, purchase standard metal lanterns in various sizes at a local craft or hardware store – or even yard sales – and spray paint the exterior in various complementary colours. Finish by adding citronella candles to allow your creation to work double duty to keep pesky mosquitos at bay, ensuring your invited guests don't bolt because of uninvited ones.

Time to party

Don't settle for lackluster libations – take time to create a festive offering of refreshing seasonal concoctions. In addition to traditional margaritas and daiquiris, try sweetening water with fresh fruits for an invigorating beverage that is perfect for the patio. And for the last detail, make sure you have music to get your guests grooving. Plug in a favorite playlist or use an app such as Pandora, to keep everyone guessing what will come on next and enjoy a warm summer night.

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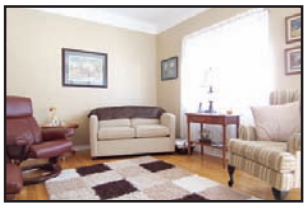

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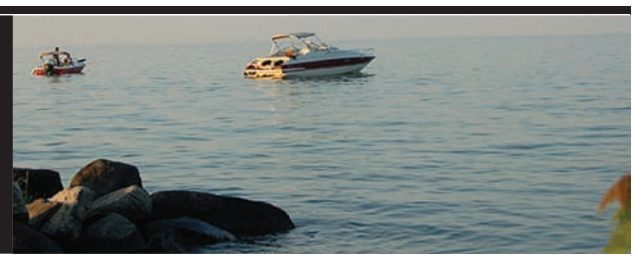

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

• Operator I – Operations (Roads)

The Town of Innisfil is seeking applications from professionals who have a passion for their work and relevant experience in a municipal setting. Please visit the Town's website or call Human Resources at 705-436-3710.

Thank you to all applicants. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Personal information will be used to determine eligibility for potential employment and is pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions regarding this collection should be addressed to Human Resources.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided, on request, to support candidate participation in all aspects of the recruitment process. To request accommodation, please contact Human Resources.

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BUTTERBALL

POWER ENGINEER

Our HACCP certified poultry processing facility in picturesque Hanover, Ontario is currently recruiting for an experienced Power Engineer to join our team. The successful candidate will possess the following criteria:

- Licensed 3rd Class Engineer or 4th Class with "B" class refrigeration ticket.
- Good physical fitness to meet the demands of the position.
- Positive Attitude and good team player
- Good working knowledge of EHS practices
- Above average problem solving skills.

Resumes may be submitted by no later than April 30th, 2014 to the following:

W. Todd Goodfellow
Director, Human Resources
P&H Foods
Email: toddg@butterball.ca

P&H Foods is an equal employment opportunity employer. We welcome diversity in the workplace and encourage applications from all qualified candidates, including women, aboriginal peoples, people with disabilities and racial minorities.

We thank all interested candidates, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted directly.

General Help Wanted | General Help Wanted | General Help Wanted

JIM BERTRAM & SONS CONSTRUCTION INC,
Local Heavy Equipment Rental Firm,
is looking for operators/drivers for the
upcoming season for the following positions:

Backhoe - Bulldozer Operator
Must have valid AZ license

Dump Truck Drivers
Tandem & Triaxle trucks, Dump trailers,
must have off road construction site experience

Float Drivers
Must have valid AZ license and kowledge of
loading heavy equipment

Water Truck Drivers
Must hold valid DZ license

All positions require minimum 5 years experience.
Please fax resume **with references** to (705) 728-6133
or email to hr@jimbertramandsons.com

Only those applicants meeting hiring requirements will be contacted for interviews. PLEASE no phone calls.

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Industrial Sewing Machine Operators
$13.50/hr., Full Time,

Computerized Cutting Machine Operator
$14.50/hr., Full Time,

Minimum 3 years experience.

Email resume to: pspfabricating@yahoo.ca
PSP Fabricating Inc.
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don@midhurstroofing.ca

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Ryan Crockford
Larry Drew

Arrears for storage are to be paid in full BY April 11, 2014 or items located at 8876 County Road 56, Utopia, Ontario will be sold.

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at Wellington Plaza
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Innisfil

2101 Innisfil Beach Road
Innisfil, Ontario L9S 1A1
705.436.3710
Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

Community Bulletin

APRIL 4, 2014

Town Council Meetings

Wednesday, April 16, 2014
- **6:30 pm** Public Meeting – RSS/RS By-Law Amendment to Adopted Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 080-13
- **6:30 pm** Public Meeting – Zoning By-Law Amendment - 1572 Shores Acres Drive – Renewal of Garden Suite Approval
- **7:15 pm** Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2014
- **7:15 pm** Regular Council Meeting

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

Board/Committee Meetings

Accessibility Advisory Committee
April 8, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B&C

Economic Development Advisory Committee
April 10, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall Meeting Room 3

Committee of Adjustment
April 10, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers

Pitch In Committee
April 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Community Rooms B & C

Off Leash Dog Park Committee
April 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall Meeting Room 2

Community Health Committee Meeting
April 17, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B,C

Farmers' Market Vendor Committee
April 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., Town Hall, Community Room A

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Employment Opportunities

Operator I – Operations (Roads) – closes April 11, 2014

Manager of Operations – closes April 6, 2014

Please visit Employment Opportunities on the Town's website for more details.

Tenders

Q-14-06 Construction of Two Outdoor Sand Volleyball Courts
Closing Date: Thursday April 10th, 2014 at 2:00 pm

P-13-70 Design Build Salt Management Facility
Closing Date: Tuesday April 22nd, 2014 at 2:00 pm

Let's Celebrate

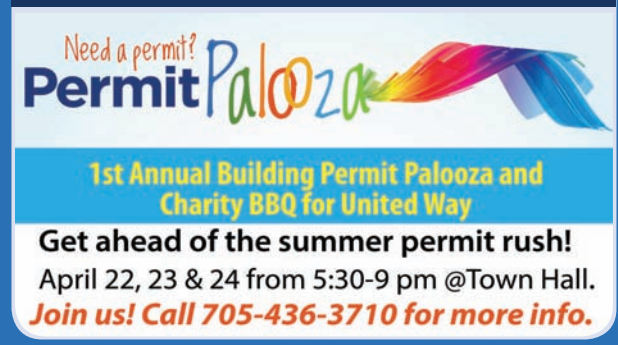
Open House

Tax Bill Reminder

New Parking Pass

2014 Remembrance Day Committee Recruitment

Permit Palooza



Spring/Summer Register Now On

Leaf and Yard Waste Collections